

REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

a. ■ Previously submitted

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously i. filed on 2 Oct 2004.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ******.

iii. ■ Other: corrections to formal drawings were filed 17 Nov 2004.

b. \square Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. 🗆 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iii. 🔾 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. Other: Cert. of mailing dated 2 Oct 2004 for 116 amendment

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a. 🛭 Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1/103(c) for a period of ** months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).

b. 🔾 Other

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a. 🔳 The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ■ Other: see attached Petition for Extension of Time

b. 🗖 Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

c. 🛭 Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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